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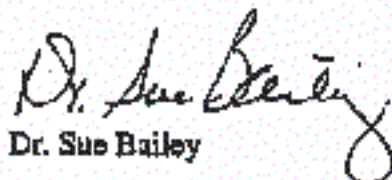
MEMORANDUM FOR SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY
SURGEON GENERAL OF THE NAVY
SURGEON GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TRICARE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY

SUBJECT: Committed Use Requirements Contracts

This memorandum reemphasizes the mandatory requirement for all MTFs to utilize Committed Use Contracts as jointly negotiated by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) and Department of Defense (DoD). HA Policy 98-034 clearly states this requirement is mandatory and allows for exceptions only based on medical need. DVA and DoD are actively working on the creation of these contracts and they will become more prevalent in the near term. MTF Commanders should be held accountable to ensure that there is active compliance and that every effort is made to prevent medical supply and pharmaceutical companies from supplanting or circumventing these Committed Use Contracts.

Committed Use Contracts will become even more prevalent as we move into implementation of regional medical logistics support programs within each DoD healthcare region. This guidance was established in HA Policy 98-013 and the Army Surgeon General, as the DoD Executive Agent for the Tri-Service Medical Logistics Support Program, is currently staffing implementation guidance. Regionalization, standardization and consolidation of requirements has a huge potential to save money and gain efficiencies for the MHS.

Again, MTF Commanders are expected to treat existing Committed Use Contracts as mandatory for their facilities and should take an active role in supporting the identification of new opportunities, especially as implementation of regional logistics gains momentum. Consolidation of requirements and volume purchasing is a key component of our MHS strategy.


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